

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ecuador
Program Title:	Northern Border Development
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	518-013
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$11,425,000 ACI
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: The Northern Border program supports U.S. government efforts to contain the spillover effects of the Colombian conflict into Ecuador. Spillover threats include spread of the coca/cocaine economy in all its manifestations from coca production/processing, transshipments of chemicals and finished products, to money laundering; to increased paramilitary-guerrilla violence with resulting increased flows of refugees and displaced persons into and through Ecuador. While coca production remains minor, other elements of the coca/cocaine economy, particularly trafficking in precursors, processed cocaine, money laundering and narcotics related crimes are expanding throughout the country. The collective result is weakening the already fragile national and local democratic institutions. The Northern Border program aims to strengthen state and local presence by developing and enhancing a more licit social, economic and political environment in the region. A major public diplomacy and communications effort is also a key part of the program.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Develop and Expand Alternative Development (\$11,425,000 ACI). The program will be implemented through the following sub-components:

Social Infrastructure and Local Governance Improvement (\$7,300,000 ACI): The program finances construction and/or rehabilitation of some 20 water and sanitation systems across six Northern provinces, serving approximately 25,000 beneficiaries. Emphasis on sustainability of the existing infrastructure will include comprehensive training of the 70 Community Water Boards and 11 municipal water administration units in operations, maintenance, and tariff collection. USAID continues to assist targeted municipalities to improved service delivery; transparency and accountability through citizen oversight committees; participatory budgeting; and improved management systems. This assistance is being extended to include San Lorenzo and several other Northern Border municipalities. Anti-Trafficking in Persons activities will be expanded to six new municipalities. Interventions will increase awareness among the public and decision makers and improve enforcement of sanctions at the local level. Principal implementer: International Organization of Migration (IOM).

Productive Infrastructure and Licit Productive Activities (\$4,025,000 ACI) USAID supports productive infrastructure activities which complement agricultural production and marketing. This includes the construction of two roads, an irrigation system, and nine bridges that will benefit more than 9,000 people. The agricultural programs in cacao, coffee and horticultural products are being evaluated to measure the benefits of productive activities to increasing income and jobs. Principal Implementers: IOM and others to be determined competitively.

Communication and Public Diplomacy (\$100,00 ACI) USAID will support an innovative United

States and Ecuadorian public media campaign "Juntos" ("Together") activity which promotes the northern border region as an area of economic development opportunities. This activity will be conducted through a series of national and regional outreach activities, including fairs, exhibits and conferences. USAID funds public relation events that include radio and television campaigns, billboards, special publications, public education, and outreach initiatives will be funded. In addition, cultural activities, musical projects and links with regional universities will be conducted. Principal Implementers: IOM and others to be determined competitively

FY 2007 Program:

There will be no new obligations to this Strategic Objective. A new strategy will begin in FY 2007.

Performance and Results: The program made significant improvements in the lives of more than 100,000 poor, indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian citizens, thus maximizing regional impact and helping improve local democratic conditions that contributed to national security and stability. With USAID assistance, 35 water systems, eight sewerage systems and 11 bridges have been built and/or repaired during FY 2005. Around 7,706 families' livelihoods were significantly improved by an income increase from \$428 to \$731 in one year, through better agricultural and marketing practices, helping contain the migration trend. The October 2005 Democratic Values Survey (Seligson/CEDATOS) of the five municipalities where USAID has concentrated its efforts (Cascas, Putumayo, Lago Agrio, Joya de los Sachas and Eloy Alfaro) revealed very positive results. Satisfaction with municipal services increased from 44.4% to 52%; and trust in local government increased from 32.4% to 42.2%, both surpassing program targets. Additionally, during FY 2005 more than 14,000 new hectares have been devoted to licit agricultural crops. The innovative public information media campaign "JUNTOS" launched this year succeeded in identifying Northern Border efforts as positive contributions by the United States and Ecuador governments.

By the end of the program in September 2007, significant improvements in confidence and legitimacy of local governments along the border will be realized, with the construction of more than 200 sustainable social and productive infrastructure projects; and dozens of local and municipal water authorities strengthened. More than 10,000 new licit jobs will be created, directly benefiting more than 12,000 families, increasing their income by 77% in three years. Additionally, Trafficking in Persons (TIP) initiatives in the area of prevention will have taken hold in at least eight municipalities of the Northern Border.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ecuador

518-013 Northern Border Development	ACI	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	40,802	8,000
Expenditures	20,052	8,000
Unliquidated	20,750	0
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	14,596	0
Expenditures	18,730	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	55,398	8,000
Expenditures	38,782	8,000
Unliquidated	16,616	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	11,425	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	11,425	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	66,823	8,000